IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re application of:

Takehiko MAKITO et al.

Application No: 10/717,547

Confirmation No. 7976

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For: SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD FOR

A COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR

LAYER AND METHOD OF FABRICATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: Duy Vu Nguyen Deo

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 25, 2005, the time for responding thereto, based on the Next-Business-Day rule, is on or before February 27, 2006. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.